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**MAYOR BOB FILNER  
CITY OF SAN DIEGO**

**STATEMENT ON COURT RULING REGARDING THE BALBOA PARK  
PROPOSAL BY THE PLAZA DE PANAMA COMMITTEE**

“Judge Timothy Taylor reaffirmed his ruling today that the City violated a section of its Municipal Code when it made the decision to go forward with the Plaza de Panama project. The ruling throws into uncertainty the Plaza de Panama construction project that had been planned for Balboa Park this month,” Mayor Filner said.

“What today’s ruling means to me, is that it is time to come together as San Diegans who care about this City and move forward in a way that is best for all of us. I call upon SOHO, Dr. Irwin Jacobs, and the Centennial Park Committee to work cooperatively and expeditiously toward a plan that converts the Plaza de Panama to predominantly pedestrian use. The opposing parties in this issue have each shared a common and compelling goal: to beautify Balboa Park and make it more pedestrian friendly. Both sides had previously been involved in mediation talks. I hope these can begin again – and that, with good faith and hard work on each side, a mutually acceptable vision can be agreed upon quickly.

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